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So...how's your CAP?

Why Civil Air Patrol? Oftentimes I'm asked, "What is this Civil Air Patrol organization that you keep talking about? Are you in the Air Force? Are you still in the military? Aren't you too old to be wearing that uniform?"

We all have reasons why we became volunteer Airmen of Civil Air Patrol. When people ask me about the organization and how I became involved, I tell them this true story.

Up until September 1986, I had never heard of Civil Air Patrol. Never knew of its existence; never met anyone who belonged to the organization; and certainly didn't know its affiliation with the U.S. Air Force. Then one evening in mid-September I came home from my downtown office in Chicago, and as I entered our home, I was met by my eldest son, Michael, who at that time was 16 years old. There was something odd about his appearance — he had a neat haircut, shined shoes and was wearing a blue uniform with a name tag that read "ROSENBERG."

My first reaction was, "When did Michael join the military?" But then my reasoned thought process kicked in and I realized, "Wait, he's only 16 years old. He can't join anything!"

"Well, Dad," said Michael, "I joined the Civil Air Patrol out at the Glenview Naval Air Station and we fly in these little airplanes; we learn about aerospace things and how to go about searching for lost airplanes and helping people in emergencies."

So that evening Michael and



COL. FRED ROSENBERG

We all have reasons why we became volunteer Airmen of Civil Air Patrol.

I went out to his meeting at the Glenview NAS Composite Squadron at Glenview Naval Air Station. (A note of information here: The base was a victim of the Base Realignment and Closure commission and is now known as "The Glen" consisting of a large residential development, a shopping area with many restaurants, a movie theater and other attractions. The Village of Glenview along with the developers maintained a number of the military buildings and artifacts which remind visitors that this was once the largest naval air training center in the United States prior to and during World War II.)

Upon entering the squadron area, I was greeted by the commander, Lt. Col. Michael A.J. Bonnett, who informed me he'd been a member of CAP since the early 1960s and had served in a number of positions up to the current time. He gave me a "Cliffs Notes" version of what CAP was all about and in particular how the Glenview NAS Composite Squadron was structured, the composition of the adult (Senior) and Cadet membership and the various activities that the squadron was involved in.

Back in June 1973, I hung up my green uniform when I left the U.S. Army Reserve after 10 years and 3 years active duty prior to that, so the thought of putting a uniform back on again had never entered my mind. But here I was listening to Bonnett describe an organization which was dedicated to serving the country, state and local communities with emergency services, aerospace education and a cadet program, all of which sounded very interesting to me.

So was I going to join and now put on a blue uniform? Stay tuned!

Bonnett then asked me what my line of work was and I explained that for the past 21 plus years, I had been a court and convention reporter — (No, I didn't work for any newspapers!) — and at the present time I was an active court reporter and owner of a freelance court reporting company in Chicago.

"Well," says Bonnett. "I sure could use an administrative officer. What do you think?"

To which I replied, "Well, I probably could do that."

And so it was. I became the administrative officer of the Glenview NAS Composite Squadron and then the squadron commander
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Weather eyes

*Aircrews
respond to
two named
hurricanes*

By Maj. BILL VENDRAMIN • Indiana Wing

While an Indianapolis-based crew was on a mission over the rain-swollen Colorado River near Wharton, Texas, it overheard radio calls from a local helicopter assisting residents.

- “Our mission was to go to the town of Wharton, circle the town, take pictures of everything we saw there and then continue down the Colorado River, where we were looking for flooding and any other sign of distress,” 2nd Lt. Ernest Condra said. ▶ **Continued on 31**



From left: Capt. John Webber), 2nd Lt. Ernest Condra, Texas Rep. Jason Isaac and 1st Lt. Justin Clevenger, standing with a GA-8 Airvan.

OHIO

Wing installs commander

Jennison takes over for Shaffer, will lead more than 1,100

By Maj. A.F. UBALDI

Ohio Wing

The birthplace of aviation has a new Civil Air Patrol wing commander.

Col. David J. Jennison assumed command of Ohio Wing in mid-October. Jennison replaces Col. Theodore Shaffer.

The Dayton resident has been a member of CAP since 1996. He has served in multiple command positions, including at Wright-Patterson Cadet Squadron, Ohio Wing Group VII and the wing's cadet encampment. A qualified incident commander and mission transport pilot, he has been director and instructor for several CAP training courses. Jennison most recently served as the wing's director of plans and programs.

Jennison has served in both the Marine Corps and the Air Force. He is an intelligence analyst at the National Air and Space Intelligence



Newly minted Col. David Jennison, right, takes his oath from Great Lakes Region Commander Col. Fred Rosenberg. Jennison is the new commander of Ohio Wing. (Photo by Maj. James Himes)

Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, outside Dayton.

Shaffer, of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, joined CAP in 1965 as a ca-

det, returning to CAP after serving with the Air Force. Shaffer has commanded the 1,100-plus Airmen of Ohio Wing since 2013. ▲

NEWS IN BRIEF

Veterans may now use online base exchange

Army and Air Force Exchange Service now provides veterans the opportunity to buy directly tax-free, by using the online Exchange. Buy anything from electronics and appliances to

sporting goods and apparel. Visit shopmyexchange.com/veterans

AF tests GPS-denied nav system with Northrop

In recent tests, Northrop Grumman's All Source Adaptive Fusion software successfully demonstrated its ability to navigate aircraft to

specific locations without the use of GPS data. ASAF provides accurate navigation based on data from "radar, electro-optical/infrared, light detection and ranging, star tracker, magnetometer, altimeter, and other signals of opportunity," according to a company press release. ▲

WISCONSIN

Congressional Gold Medal presented to two families

By 1st Lt. LISA BASTIAN
Wisconsin Wing

Two families were presented with Congressional Gold Medals, honoring their grandfathers who served as Civil Air Patrol pilots during World War II.

In recognition of their achievements and dedication to Civil Air Patrol, and their sacrifices during World War II, Col. Rose Hunt, Wisconsin Wing's commander, along with State Sen. Van Wanggaard, presented the Congressional Gold Medals to John Batten, grandson of Col. John H. Batten, and to J. David Rowland, son of Lt. John S. Rowland, during a ceremony at the EAA Chapter 838 Museum in Racine, Wis.

Col. Batten and Lt. Rowland, both from the Racine area, played instrumental roles in laying the foundation for Civil Air Patrol in Wisconsin.

In 1942 they created the Racine Squadron when they recruited pilots to help with the war effort.

Batten, a CAP pilot, and Rowland, a co-pilot and mission observer, flew countless missions to patrol the American east coast, watching for Nazi submarines.

Batten and Rowland continued their dedication to Civil Air Patrol long after the war. Rowland returned to the Racine area,



John Batten, grandson of Col. John H. Batten, and J. David Rowland, son of Lt. John S. Rowland, flank Wisconsin Wing Commander Col. Rose Hunt.

where he continued flying with the Racine Squadron, and dedicated his time to teaching youth to fly until 1950 when he retired.

Batten continued as a flight instructor before returning to Wisconsin Wing. In early 1950, he became the Wisconsin Wing commander and went on to become the Great Lakes Region commander before retiring in 1958.

The Congressional Gold Medal

is the nation's highest civilian honor, and is ceremoniously awarded to Civil Air Patrol members who served during World War II.

In total CAP anti-submarine coastal patrols flew more than 24 million miles, spotting 173 U-boats, and attacking 57. ▲

For more information on the Civil Air Patrol Gold Medal history please visit www.capgoldmedal.com

Illinois Wing opens new HQ, gets Congressional proclamation

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly is presented her Congressional Squadron membership by Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jerry Scherer.



By 2nd Lt. DAWN ISELIN
Illinois Wing

Illinois Wing's new headquarters was commissioned and the wing was recognized with a Congressional proclamation in mid-September.

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly presented the keynote address at the commissioning ceremony in Monee, Ill., near South Suburban Airport.

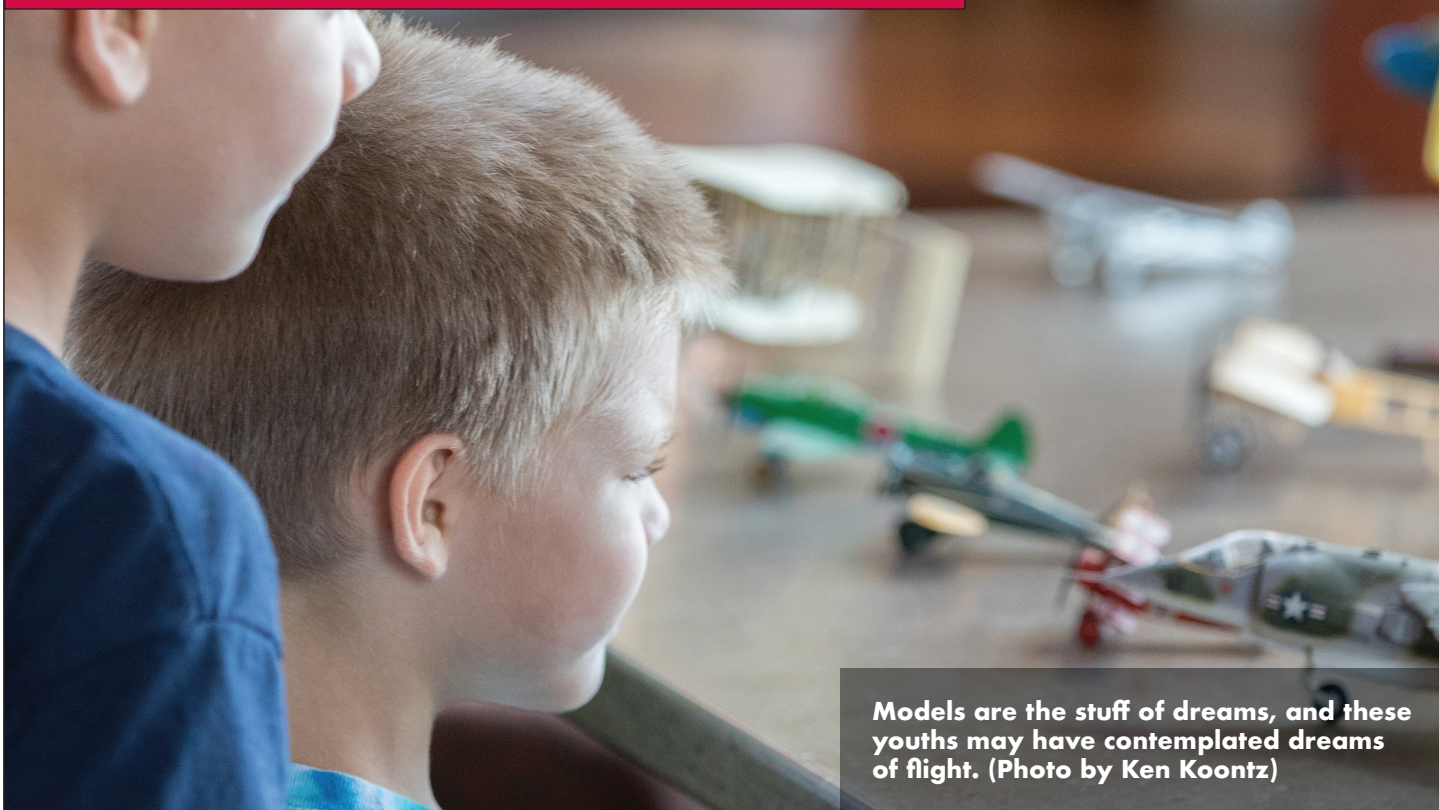
Kelly was also inducted into CAP's Congressional Squadron by Col. Jerry Scherer, the wing commander.

The congresswoman presented a proclamation Sept. 13 from the House of Representatives, recognizing "...that the contributions of the Illinois Civil Air Patrol be recognized and honored."

The new headquarters is at 2621 Offner Road in Monee.

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Models are the stuff of dreams, and these youths may have contemplated dreams of flight. (Photo by Ken Koontz)

ILLINOIS

Education event focuses on AE, STEM

By 2nd Lt. DAWN ISELIN
Illinois Wing

An estimated 320 people attended the first 2017 Illinois Wing Aerospace & STEM Education Conference in September at South Suburban Airport in Monee, Ill.

The event, which was free and open to the public, drew school administrators, educators, home-school network members, the local community and Civil Air Patrol members from across Illinois and the Great Lakes Region.

The event included educational

learning labs which featured round table discussions, lectures and activities.

Among the favorite labs were Rocketry, where participants were invited to build a variety of rocket labs; virtual reality stations, in which participants took their turn at testing their pilot skills and compete in a drone obstacle course; and try Raspberry Pi learning stations which featured circuits and robotics.

“The absolute favorite activity of the day was, of course, flying,” said event director Maj. Craig Knicker-

bocker, “but as a pilot perhaps I’m a bit biased.”

He said CAP partnered with the Experimental Aircraft Association to fly the community participants ages 8–18. At the same time, powered and glider orientation flights were scheduled for CAP cadets.

“The community members in attendance were so excited that they said they couldn’t wait until the next event,” Knickerbocker said. “It was fun to involve the community at this level serving the mission of advancing aerospace and STEM education.” ►

◀ Civil Air Patrol offers educators and school administrators a special Aerospace Education Membership which costs a onetime \$35 fee but provides access to free curriculum which includes activity kits that could cost hundreds of dollars each. Kits generally include 20 -100 activities and can provide up to a year of curriculum free of charge. The program provides educators a way to teach ordinary subjects in extraordinary ways using fun, engaging lessons and activities.

Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jerry Scherer said the wing is committed to delivering education experiences that serve our

greater community.

“Our nation is seeing the need for more trained persons in the aerospace field,” he said. “There is an expected shortage of pilots and engineers that must be satisfied to meet both the corporate and military needs of our country. We must cultivate our next generation of aerospace engineers and pilots.”

By introducing STEM programs to youths, he said, an interest in those fields is sparked.

“Our mission is to assist our communities by providing STEM curriculum, projects and mentors to inspire our youth and future aerospace innovators,” he said. ▲

ILLINOIS

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During the ceremony, Kelly was presented her CAP membership card and Congressional membership certificate.

“This will not be a membership in name only,” she said, pledging to actively participate in CAP activities.

“My staff teases me because I have a fear of flying,” Kelly said, but she promised to not let that deter her from actively participating during upcoming missions.

Scherer said the new facility will serve a vital role.

“The new Illinois Wing Headquarters fulfills our strategic need to better integrate with the state and our communities,” he said. “This new facility also provides a centralized location within the Great Lakes Region to allow better coordination with other wings.”

“We are no longer hidden behind the fences and gates of a restricted area, but within the community in which we serve,” he added. “Our plans are to provide training to not only our CAP members, but to other state agencies and organizations.”

During the ceremony, it was noted that Illinois Wing received an “overall excellent” rating during its biennial Air Force search-and-rescue evaluation. In 2015, wing aircrews flew 399 real-world sorties and ground teams conducted 71 sorties. The wing had two missing aircraft finds, participated in four tornado or flooding disaster relief missions, and flew 20 counterdrug reconnaissance missions.

The wing celebrated with a free aerospace and STEM education conference at the airport, while inviting the public to tour the new headquarters. The events drew more than 320 attendees throughout the day. ▲



A drone demonstration by Capt. Gary Brown of Fox Valley Composite Squadron. (Photo by Lt. Col. James Kalemis)

An international affair

Welsh air cadet immerses himself in American experience through international cadet exchange

By Cadet SAM THOMPSON
Pennsylvania Wing

With all the opportunities available in the Civil Air Patrol program, cadets experience many “firsts” that they will never forget. Their first orientation flight. Their first Emergency Services mission. Yet even with all this in mind, there’s one “first” that stands out above the rest: encampment.

No cadet will ever forget their first encampment and Tom Lewis loved his so much that he decided to come back. What makes Lewis unique is that he flew across an entire ocean to do so.

Lewis is a member of the Air Training Corps and lives in Wales.

Tom first experienced Civil Air Patrol through the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) program in the summer of 2016. When he found he had been selected to travel to the United States, he was thrilled. “The USA was actually my number one choice. When it emerged that I got to go to the USA, I literally was screaming with joy,” says Lewis.



Cadet Tom Lewis came from Wales to join up with Michigan cadets for summer activities.

While here, Lewis had the trip of a lifetime, touring places all over the country and having the chance to experience some traditional American and CAP culture. When asked about his favorite part of IACE, Lewis replied, “I must admit, I have two. Encampment and

Cedar Point were the best!”

All too soon, IACE was over and it was time to go home. Lucky for us, Michigan Wing Encampment had impacted Lewis so much that he was determined to return. “Well I wanted to come back because I loved Encampment last year so much although I was there for only two days! My favorite part about IACE was actually seeing the cadets on the ground and interacting with them and meeting new people. I learned a lot about customs and courtesies, drill, and the CAP chain of command,” says Lewis, “Plus the patriotism is amazing too. I love it!” Michigan Wing stood out to Lewis. The people were accommodating, the landscape blew him away, and they even called fizzy drinks “pop” just like he did back home. When the Encampment staff received notice of his desire to staff, they couldn’t have been happier.

Lewis was given the unique position of cadet warrant officer, and said of his daily duties: “At the beginning I helped out with in-processing by making sure cadets were Continued on page 33

*‘I love the camaraderie, the patriotism and the people...
I’m just in love with the USA!’*

ILLINOIS

Two officers mark golden year

By Maj. BARB BUCKNER
Illinois Wing

On Oct. 1, three anniversaries were celebrated in Bolingbrook, Ill. — Civil Air Patrol's cadet program celebrated its 75th year, and two local members also celebrated an anniversary.

Lt. Col. Jim Bartel of Westmont and Maj. Tim Markham of Lockport both began with CAP as cadets and this past month celebrated 50 years with the organization. Both are members of Col. Shorty Power Composite Squadron, which is in the Illinois Aviation Museum at Clow International Airport in Bolingbrook.

Bartel has been a member of the same unit for all 50 years, joining when the unit was Downers Grove Composite Squadron. His sister was a member of Foster Park Squadron and he decided to join because he wanted to out-rank his sister. His sister left for college but Bartel remained in the program, and achieving the rank of cadet captain (his sister reached cadet first lieutenant) before transitioning to the adult side of the program and serving as unit commander from 2001-05. His most memorable experience as a cadet was the joint Illinois/Nebraska Summer Encampment at Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena, Mich., where cadets were airlifted in military aircraft for transportation to and from the event.

Bartel is a telecommunications expert having spent 37 years in the



Maj. Tim Markham, left, and Lt. Col. Jim Bartel received their awards for 50 years of service to Civil Air Patrol along with lifetime membership cards. (Photo by Maj. Barb Buckner)

industry where he also became a subject matter expert in the 911 system installation and operations. Along with Illinois Wing Commander, Col. Jerry Scherer, Bartel founded the Illinois Wing Communications School, held every year during Illinois' summer encampment, and he has served as a communications instructor at the annual National Emergency Services Academy training each July at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for a number of years.

Markham heard about the cadet program when he visited an information booth set up for Armed

Forces Day at the Air Force Reserve station at O'Hare International Airport. He had always had an interest in aviation and decided to join the program with a friend of his. He was first a member of the General R.E. Wood Cadet Squadron before transferring to the Hometown Composite Squadron. As with Bartel, Markham achieved the rank of cadet captain before transitioning to the adult side.

Aside from the Illinois Wing Glider Encampment, his most memorable cadet experience was participating in the International Air Cadet Exchange program and travel to France.

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MICHIGAN

Wing establishes academy for its officer leadership

By Lt. Col. MICHAEL SAILE
Michigan Wing

A 12-month training program that better develops leaders has been activated in Michigan Wing.

In the summer of 2015, Col. Curtis Boehmer, Michigan Wing's commander, assembled a working group of officers to develop an enhanced leadership training program for unit commanders, which expanded to all its adult members. For the next two years, they worked the issues.

Boehmer's primary observation was that a cadet who earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award — the first major milestone — had 80 percent more leadership training than an officer who completed Level V of the training program. In May, Boehmer appointed Lt. Col. Michael Saile as the first director of the Michigan Wing LEAD Academy — the acronym stands for Leadership, Education And Development. Master Sgt. Steven Saile was picked to be the chief instructor.

The 12-month academy provides leaders with the knowledge and tools to improve. It provides practical hands-on learning and deep discussions. New members build a foundation in leadership skills. Experienced members reassess and re-evaluate their current leadership beliefs. And commanders at any level are getting a more academic



Members who participated in the second Face-to-Face session of the Michigan Wing LEAD Academy in Lansing in October are, from left: back row, Lt. Col. Stephen Hickel, 2nd Lt. Richard Burton, 2nd Lt. Bonnie Beeker, 2nd Lt. Rick Williams; middle row, 2nd Lt. Laura Matthews, Maj. Mary Thornton, 2nd Lt. Shelby Burton, Lt. Col. James Matthews; Lt. Col. Pam Saile, Lt. Col. Mike Saile and Master Sgt. Steve Saile.

and sophisticated approach to leadership than CAP offers elsewhere.

The academy includes four face-to-face sessions in July, October, January and April. The first Face-2Face session put leaders under the microscope in a segment called "What a Leader Must Be." The academy started with guided discussions on the basics of philosophy to cover reason, logic, and critical thinking and gave leaders a clearer picture of the landscape and vocabulary used to discuss leadership. In the second Face2Face session, the Academy students focused on what a leader must know. The third session will

be about what a leader must do. The final session will be held during the Michigan Wing conference in April and will be a capstone exercise for the students.

The academy also developed weekly CAP career survival tips and are sharing them with the wing's Airmen through the wing email list server. They contain timely information and tips for a successful CAP career. They are intended for CAP officers and noncommissioned officers, and older cadets. Tips are presented as an FAQ. ▲

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You can make a difference in your unit inspections

By Col. JAY R. BURRELL
GLR Inspector General

It's important to let people know how they fit into CAP and how the jobs they do impact the organization. One way is to look at the Subordinate Unit Inspection Program. This is a compliance program but, more important, it's an opportunity to really show what you do that exceeds expectations. The SUI program looks not only for deficiencies, but for best practices that should be shared.

Best practices and commendable items allow for improvements at the unit level that enhance your programs. These enhancements are proven processes that provide positive results. The SUI program is transparent. The inspections may be viewed, and those commendable items should be considered to augment your successful programs and make them better.

But what about programs that have deficiencies? The first step to correcting a problem is knowing it exists. Here are the top SUI discrepancies in the region.

SUI worksheets and deliverables not provided: This is a command issue. Commanders need to submit the SUI worksheets and deliverables to the inspecting officer, because this starts the SUI process. The inspector can review the program, see what is being done, and check that all the questions are answered with sufficient backup material. This makes the onsite visit quick and

painless. It also gives you a chance to talk about those GREAT things you are doing.

Public relations plan completed: This is a simple plan that spells out what the public affairs officer wants to accomplish in the coming year. It looks at last year's goals and accomplishments and develops a new plan for this year. Once you have your first plan done, the next year's plan builds on the last one.

The inspections seek positives and best practices, not just correct deficiencies.

Unit positions properly filled: Many units have staff member shortages, and unit commanders are required to fill in and wear many hats. There are some positions that the commander CANNOT fill — testing officer, finance officer and safety officer. These positions need to be entered either on CAP Form 2A and kept in the individuals' personnel record, or through eServices. There should also be a posted organizational chart reflecting who holds what positions in the unit. NOTE: The same person may fill all these roles as long as it's not the commander.

Administration: This has consistently been an area with numerous discrepancies. The three biggest issues are no file plan, cutoff instructions not followed, and re-

cords destroyed in accordance with regulation. This area represents 16 percent of all discrepancies in the region. There is a solution! Indiana Wing has an excellent template that lists a file disposition plan (adjust to your needs) as well as the folders that are needed for the file, suspense dates, destruction dates, everything you need to build a foolproof administration file!

External Aerospace Education Program: Aerospace education (AE) is a major mission of CAP. The external program is a simple way to develop relations with your community as well as help in recruiting! An external plan is an easy way to focus your resources and time outside the squadron meetings and give your cadets an opportunity to be on display. Your plan could be to give a speech on the AEX program to your local school district, work with the local Scouts or Explorers in a joint model rocketry launch, or many more ideas. Check to see what other units in your wings are doing or talk with your wing aerospace education officer. A strong AE program will not only help with recruitment — it will do wonders for retention.

Finance committee meetings: These need to be held quarterly, documented and have the current budget reviewed. It is not optional. This is easy to resolve and yet it's still a significant area of discrepancy.

These six areas represent almost half of all the region's discrepancies! By working with your commanders and other units, we can make a positive, measurable difference!

If you have any questions regarding these processes or how and what needs to be done, let me know. Please remember — we want and need you to be successful. It is you who puts the GREAT in Great Lakes Region! ▲

By the numbers — a look at progress across the region

By Lt. Col. ROY L. CARMAN
GLR Director Of Safety

Fiscal year 2017 is in the books and I thought that I would share the stats with you, as we were all involved in the safety program.

The data that I have is based on information that Headquarters Civil Air Patrol has, such as membership of the wings and flight time entries. There is a little error margin but for our purposes, it is negligible.

In fiscal year 2017, we had 113 total mishaps for the region with the breakdown of 12 aircraft mishaps, 11 vehicle mishaps and 90 bodily injuries. By comparison, in FY16, we had 105 total mishaps consisting of 20 aircraft mishaps, 14 vehicle mishaps and 71 bodily injuries. We made progress in reducing aircraft and vehicle mishaps but our bodily injury has increased by 19 more mishaps.

Great Lakes Region flew 11,426 hours. We had an aircraft mishap rate of .11 per 100 hours of flight time. By comparison, in 2016, the region flew 13,468 hours and had an aircraft mishap rate of .15 per 100 hours.

On the bodily injury mishaps, GLR has approximately 6,407 members and the bodily injury rate was 1.4 per 100 members. In 2016, GLR had 6,300 members and the

Aircraft Mishaps

2016	2017	Trend
20	12	

Vehicle Mishaps

2016	2017	Trend
14	11	

Bodily Mishaps

2016	2017	Trend
71	90	

bodily injury rate was 1.13 per 100 members.

For fiscal year 2018, commanders and safety officers, I cannot stress enough about preparation for whatever it is that you plan to do. Operational risk management is a very useful tool and has a feature that I don't think everybody uses. It's called an after action report and is part of the ORM cycle.

Illinois

Illinois Wing flew 1,588 hours and had 2 aircraft mishaps and a mishap rate of .12 per 100 hours of flight. Both mishaps, however, occurred during a flight encampment held in Illinois and flown by pilots outside of the wing. One vehicle mishap and 6 bodily injury mishaps

resulted in a bodily injury rate of .55 per 100 members. Illinois has 1,096 members.

Indiana

Indiana Wing flew 1,638 hours and had no aircraft mishaps. Indiana had 2 vehicle mishaps and 4 bodily injury mishaps, resulting in a bodily injury rate of .43 per 100 members. Indiana has 931 members.

Kentucky

Kentucky Wing flew 1,424 hours and had 2 aircraft mishaps and a mishap rate of .14 per 100 hours of flight. No vehicle mishaps and 9 bodily injury mishaps resulted in a bodily injury rate of 1.45 per 100 members. Kentucky has 619 members.

Michigan

Michigan Wing flew 2,462 hours and had 5 aircraft mishaps and a mishap rate of .20 per 100 hours of flight. Four vehicle mishaps and 21 bodily injury mishaps resulted in a bodily injury rate of 1.70 per 100 members. Michigan has 1,235 members.

Ohio

Ohio Wing flew 1,351 hours and had 1 aircraft mishap and a mishap rate of .07 per 100 hours of flight. Three vehicle mishaps and 34 bodily injury mishaps resulted in a bodily injury rate of 3.00 per 100 members. Ohio has 1,131 members.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Wing flew 2,964 hours and had 2 aircraft mishaps and an aircraft mishap rate of .06 per 100 hours of flight. Wisconsin had 1 vehicle mishap and 16 bodily injury mishaps resulting in a bodily injury rate of 1.80 per 100 members. Wisconsin has 884 members. ▲

COMMANDER

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and then the group commander and then up to wing headquarters, where I was the director of finance, the summer encampment commander, and the chief of staff.

Then after a hiatus of six years, I came back to CAP as the region director of personnel, then the vice commander for mission support and now the interim region commander.

By the way, my son left CAP after four months and 31 years later, I'm still here!

We all have our reasons for committing our volunteer time and personal resources to an organization that provides a path for our American youths to engage in a cadet program, the essence of which is to transform these young men and women into responsible citizens; to an organization that provides vital emergency services to our country, our states and our local communities; and to an organization that promotes aerospace education, both within Civil Air Patrol and in local schools. My reason for committing my time and resources is because I want to continue to serve our country as I did when I took the oath in 1960 and put on the uniform of the U.S. Army. I'm certain you have your reasons as well.

So who are these people who volunteer their time and personal resources?

CAP members are occupied in professions from accountants to chaplains; from civil engineers to health care workers; from social workers to students and from pilots to homemakers. Some are state legislators and some are members of Congress. They are teachers

of all types, including aerospace educators.

They are cadets, in the age group of 12 to 18 and some remain until age 21. They are senior members of all ages and experience levels. In Great Lakes Region, there are 47 members who have served CAP for more than 50 years. There are even a few members who served in CAP during World War II at the genesis of the organization.

Semper Vigilans is the motto of Civil Air Patrol — Always Vigilant! Vigilant during WWII and the German submarine scourge along the East Coast of the United States all the way up to Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and most recently to hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 2017. Vigilant through continuous training in emergency services, pilot proficiency and mission competency all with the concept of Semper Vigilans — Always Vigilant!

During the 2015 Great Lakes Region Staff College, the director, Lt. Col. Gregory Schulz, coined the phrase "How's Your CAP?" — a phrase meaning different things to different members. To me it means how healthy is this organization that I have spent 31 years of my life working for; it means what can I do to ensure that the heritage of CAP is respected and passed on down to our members; it means what can I do as a member to ensure that CAP continues to change with the evolution of technology and the new challenges that our organization will face in the future.

If you receive an email from me, you'll notice that I've been using that phrase as a tag line just before my official signature line. And so I end this article with a simple question for you:

"HOW'S YOUR CAP?" ▲

FIFTY YEARS

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While at the aviation museum in Paris, he and another cadet posed for a photo with one of the aircraft, where he pretended to crank the prop and his friend sat in the cockpit. Markham went on to become an aircraft mechanic while the now-retired Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Lenney, went on to be a fighter pilot.

Markham continues to teach aircraft maintenance at Lewis University, after retiring as an aircraft mechanic with FedEx. When his schedule allows, he serves with the glider staff at Johnson Flight Academy in Mattoon, Ill., held each June.

When asked why they remained members all these years, Bartel said: "I never served, so this is one way I can continue to give back to the community." Markham shared the sentiment, adding a "sense of duty...desire to give back and pay it forward." Both noted that their experience with the cadet program had a great impact on them and they have many fond memories. Markham noted that while he always had an interest in aviation, the cadet program helped fuel that more with the opportunities and experiences it provided.

Bartel shared advice for today's cadets: "Be willing to give some time up to become good at what you do. Develop a passion. You will make a lot of great friends in the program." Markham added, "You only get out of anything in life what you put into it. Don't just show up. If you work hard, do your best and recruit fellow cadets, you will get the most out of it and a sense of accomplishment. Above all, have fun! The friendships you make now you will have through life." ▲

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

February-October 2017

DECORATIONS

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Col. Leo Burke, HQ GLR
Col. Fred Rosenberg, HQ GLR
Lt. Col. Mike Bodnarik, Ohio
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Lt. Col. Christopher Nester, HQ GLR
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Maj. Keith Clapp, Kentucky
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Lt. Col. Robert Dempsey, Illinois
Lt. Col. Steve Duffy, Michigan
Lt. Col. Ronald Feister, Ohio
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Lt. Col. James Kalemis, Illinois
Lt. Col. Tina McGinnis, Michigan
Lt. Col. Roger Middleton, Tennessee
Lt. Col. David Poland, Ohio
Lt. Col. Wilson Polidura, Kentucky
Lt. Col. Marilyne Shanks, Ohio
Lt. Col. Thomas Snell, Ohio
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Lt. Col. Michael Ullman, Ohio
Lt. Col. Carl Woodruff, Ohio
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Maj. Robert Bowden, Michigan
Maj. Stephen Duquette, Michigan
Maj. Rick Merritt, Ohio
Maj. Gregory Pletcher, Ohio
Maj. Curtis Rowe, Ohio
Maj. Michael Seiloff, Michigan
Maj. Nathaniel Spehr, Ohio
Maj. Lorraine Starman, Ohio
Capt. Dennis Carr, Wisconsin
Capt. Sharron Woodruff, Ohio
1st Lt. Lisa Blair, Ohio
1st Lt. Bebe Finkenstaedt, National Capital
Cadet Joshua Felty, Indiana
Cadet Aiden Lewis, Ohio

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Maj. Joseph Highman, Ohio
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Capt. Jason Reed, Indiana
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Capt. Larry Welsh, Indiana
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2nd Lt. Donald Woodyard, Ohio
Senior Master Sgt. Les Hart, Pennsylvania
Master Sgt. Gwendolyn Gajewski, Wisconsin
Cadet Emmitt Uhler, Ohio
Cadet Craig Cox, Ohio
Cadet Raven Delisle, Ohio
Cadet Michael Horan, Ohio
Cadet Emma Kanning, Ohio
Cadet Sam Murr, Tennessee
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 1st Lt. Edgardo F. Freyre, Michigan
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 1st Lt. Ronald Wet, Ohio
 1st Lt. Theodore Hornsby, Ohio
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 1st Lt. Steven J. Meals, Ohio
 1st Lt. Lance W. Kittinger, Ohio
 1st Lt. John W. Bentley, Ohio
 1st Lt. Steven D. Jennison, Ohio
 1st Lt. David J. Luther, Ohio
 1st Lt. Sonya Jindal, Ohio
 1st Lt. Russell D. Aikman, Ohio
 1st Lt. Brett T. Kollar, Ohio
 1st Lt. Laura A. Kittinger, Ohio
 1st Lt. Richard J. Manifold, Ohio
 1st Lt. Alicia Ganelli, Ohio
 1st Lt. Guillermo A. Fernandez, Ohio
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 1st Lt. Ryan M. McNeilly, Ohio
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 2nd Lt. James J Sattich, Kentucky
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 2nd Lt. Virginia J Kaldor, Michigan
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 2nd Lt. Lacey K Bond, Michigan
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 2nd Lt. Richard E Burton, Michigan
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 2nd Lt. Lee A. Smith, Michigan
 2nd Lt. Raymond B. Kaldor, Michigan
 2nd Lt. Brian C. Knoblauch, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Boyan B. Alexandrov, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Michael N. Evanich, Ohio
 2nd Lt. David E. Stark, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Wehrung, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Amanda J. Workinger-Guy, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Maria L. Lucki, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Jonathan M. Knox, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Chesney A. Gulas, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Richard A. Smith, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Joseph R. Smallen, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Charles M. Matthews, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Jeffrey A. Greenfield, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Eric E. Geiselman, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Melissa D. Quitter, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Monica L. Granny, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Raymond Brock Jr, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Bill D. Lindeman, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Robert J. Thomas, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Bouabacar Diakhite, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Christopher Sorenson, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Daniel H. Wellumson, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Travis L. Witt, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Alan D. McKeen, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Robert P. Hom, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Matthew M. Mueller, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Christina M. Jerred, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Daniel J. Erickson, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Justin K. Miner, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Kristin L. Walukas, Wisconsin
 2nd Lt. Joseph A. Suchorski, Wisconsin
 Chief Master Sgt. David W. Richards, Illinois
 Chief Master Sgt. James O. Farriss, Ohio
 Master Sgt. Steven M. Saile, Michigan
 Technical Sgt. Sean X. Riley, Illinois
 Staff Sgt. Dawn L. Kennedy, Illinois
 Staff Sgt. Wallace A. Bishop III, Michigan
 Staff Sgt. James W. Sigafoose, Ohio
 Scott A. Skindingsrude, Illinois
 Lawrence J. Starkman, Illinois
 Brian C. Clements, Illinois
 Dennis E. Mellen IV, Illinois
 Nicholas E. Duda, Illinois
 Adam A. Strack, Illinois
 Noah D. Bendele, Illinois
 Dymitry Milanos, Illinois
 Eric-Jan M. Bronwasser, Illinois
 Brian L. Tanner, Indiana
 Stephen L. Richey, Indiana
 Adam C. Soultz, Indiana
 Emily A. Fleischer, Kentucky
 Nathan A. Gooch, Kentucky
 Maurice Pope, Michigan
 Cynthia L. Katterjohn-Duquette, Michigan
 Daniel E. Thomas, Michigan
 Steve L. Masterson, Michigan
 Evelina P. Todd, Michigan
 Samuel J. Terray, Michigan
 Guenter A. Beholz, Michigan
 Ganesh J. Desai, Ohio
 Joel R. Marvel, Ohio
 Thomas M. Kremenski, Ohio
 Ryan D. Flanagan, Ohio
 Robin K. Bylenok, Ohio
 Bruce W. Davies, Ohio
 Charles L. Stiles, Ohio
 Fredrick W. Shugart, Ohio
 Diana C. Semilia, Ohio
 Andrew B. Peterson, Ohio
 Emma N. Viner, Wisconsin
 Audie W. Anderson, Wisconsin
 Alana G. Wakefield, Wisconsin



An aerial photo from a Civil Air Patrol damage assessment flight shows heavy flooding from the Colorado River in and around Wharton, Texas, in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

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Condra, along with Capt. John Webber and 1st Lt. Justin Clevenger, were among Great Lakes Region Airmen who supported response to Hurricane Harvey.

Some 300 residents sought shelter at a church from the floodwaters that had cut off access to the town of 8,800 about 60 miles southwest of Houston, and they were out of water for two days and running low on food.

As a result of the Indiana crew's mission, the American Red Cross team at the operations center was able to contact its volunteer at the church and arrange the needed

support.

The following day they flew a similar mission with Texas State Rep. Jason Isaac. Rep. Isaac said, "We appreciate the Civil Air Patrol doing what they are doing out there: rescuing people. Three hundred lives affected by their service. We, here in Texas, are truly grateful for that."

While Civil Air Patrol missions are continuing in Texas, the Indiana Wing was preparing for Hurricane Irma, which crossed Florida shortly after Harvey hit Texas.

Indiana Wing has a long history of humanitarian and national service. Soon after the Civil Air Patrol's founding on Dec. 1, 1941,

members from Indiana participated in drills related to the war effort as well as hunting submarines along the Atlantic coast.

"I am very thankful, and proud, to have so many dedicated members willing to take time away from their jobs, families, and loved ones to serve others over a thousand miles away," Indiana Wing Commander Col. Philip Argenti said. "This demonstrates the commitment our members have to supporting fellow Americans in their time of need." ▲

Maj. Matthew Congrove of Texas Wing and Capt. Margot A Myers of Arizona Wing contributed to this story.



At one point during Michigan Wing's summer cadet encampment, cadets joined Welsh air cadet Tom Lewis as he led chants and included a Welsh flag.

WELSH

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going to the right place and lining up correctly. After that, I helped out (a) flight sergeant while (the) flight commander was absent. I basically helped out where I could whilst learning about the CAP program...I also presented on my life back at home and my cadet program."

Lewis remarked that everyone was very accepting of his role as cadet warrant officer, although many of the basic encampment students had trouble with greetings. "I think they enjoyed me being there as I had quite a few cadets come up to me and ask about my life back

home. Plus, I had a bit of mail as well at mail call," says Lewis.

Even with all the excitement at encampment, Lewis states that mail call was by far his favorite part. This feature, a tradition of Michigan Wing's encampment, is an end-of-the-day stress reliever for the students and staff alike. Throughout the day, cadets have the opportunity to write letters of encouragement to one another and once these are all gathered up, they are ceremoniously dumped out of the golden mailbox as each of the flights prove just how much they want mail by calling out their best cadences. One of the nights at mail call, Lewis had the opportunity to lead a chant that his cadets used

back home in Wales. Not only did the cadets love this, but they also cheered happily when Lewis brought out his very own Welsh flag to the celebration.

"It's the greatest thing I've ever seen!" says Lewis.

Lewis still hasn't had enough and would like to come back for yet another encampment.

"I love the camaraderie, the patriotism, and the people. Also because watching the cadets develop over the week to become trained cadets who know how to be of value to their community and also respect themselves and others strikes a note in my heart...I'm just in love with the USA!" Lewis says. ▲

Commander pins a star

Region's leader becomes CAP's vice commander

Great Lakes Region's commander has pinned a star and moved to the national leadership.

Civil Air Patrol's national commander, Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, picked Brig. Gen. Edward Phelka as his national vice commander. Both assumed their new roles in September.

"Col. Phelka's commitment and devotion to Civil Air Patrol over the past 30 years is exemplary," said Smith, who selected Phelka over 10 other candidates for the national post. "He is field-tested and fully prepared to help lead this organization forward."

As national vice commander, Phelka is charged with helping lead CAP's 57,000 volunteers in fulfilling the organization's congressionally chartered missions — emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education. The national vice commander is a member of the CAP Command Council, which consists of the organization's national commander, eight region commanders and 52 wing commanders, plus the national executive officer, CAP's chief operating officer and the commander of CAP-USAF.



BRIG. GEN. EDWARD PHELKA

Phelka, a native of Michigan living in the greater Detroit area, joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1987. During his cadet career, he completed all 15 achievements of the CAP cadet program, earning the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1993. He also participated in the International Air Cadet Exchange to Germany in the summer of 1993.

Following transition to senior membership, Phelka's assignments included three years as commander of Michigan Wing's Livonia

Thunderbolt Cadet Squadron and two years as commander of the Southeast Michigan Group, director of cadet programs in both the Michigan and Colorado wings, and chief of staff for the Colorado Wing.

Phelka was assigned to lead the six wings of the Great Lakes Region in March 2015, after serving as national controller — as the principal adviser to the national commander and CAP Senior Advisory Group on logistics and financial accountability — from August 2011-January 2015. He commanded the Colorado Wing from December 2007-April 2011.

Phelka earned his private pilot certificate in 1998, and is a commercial, multi-engine and instrument-rated certified flight instructor, CAP cadet orientation pilot and CAP check pilot examiner with over 1,600 flying hours. He holds master ratings in the Command, Logistics and Cadet Programs specialty tracks; Senior ratings in Flight Operations, Stan/Eval, and Plans and Programs; and Mission Pilot, Observer, Scanner and Transport Mission Pilot, and glider tow pilot qualifications. In 2007, he completed Level V of the Senior Member Professional Development program, earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award.

Outside of Civil Air Patrol, Phelka works as a certified flight instructor and corporate pilot. Phelka holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, with major fields of study in economics and the German language.

He and his wife, Dr. Amanda Phelka, have two children. ▲

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Not full of hot air

'Cadet Ken' wants to meet you

By Capt. BILL CARSON
Michigan Wing

He's tall, standing nearly eight feet and a bit rotund, too, with a waist of more than 70 inches. He's also the oldest cadet in CAP. He's Cadet Ken.

If you haven't met Cadet Ken,

he's lots of fun and enjoys being around squadrons and going to special occasions like airport open houses and school events. Cadet Ken is a unique tool for squadrons to use for recruiting, community appearances or just about anything where you want to draw attention to CAP. Ken is an inflatable mascot

who walks around greeting people and waving them over to say hello. He instantly brings smiles.

Ken recently appeared at the Oakland County International Airport in Michigan, at an air show where CAP maintained an information booth alongside food and souvenir vendors. People who saw Ken were immediately drawn to the booth, where our Airmen told them about CAP and the many services it provides. Lots of the people wanted their pictures taken with Ken, too, and he was only too happy to oblige. Many were still too young to join CAP but once the seed of membership is planted we look forward to their return when they get older. ▲

Get Cadet Ken to stop by for a special event, such as a recruiting open house or school presentation, or just to promote CAP activities. Contact Great Lakes Region Public Affairs Director Maj. Robert Bowden at rbowden@cap.gov.